

The Urban District Council

OF

MARKET RASEN.

REPORT

OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

FOR THE YEAR 1905.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I herewith present the Annual Report upon the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Urban District for the year 1905.

Statistical tables are appended, giving tabular statements of Births and Deaths for the year, and of Infectious Diseases notified.

The Population I estimate at 2188.

The number of Births Registered was 52, which gives a Birth Rate of 23·7 per 1000. This is the highest, rate with one exception (1902), during the last ten years.

The Deaths numbered 32, giving an average of 14·6 per 1000, which is very satisfactory as it is the lowest rate since 1894, with the exception of 1900, when it was 12·8.

There were four deaths of Infants under one year, giving an Infantile Death Rate of 76·9 per 1000 births. This is most satisfactory.

There were no deaths from Infectious Diseases.

The rate per 1000 of deaths from Tuberculous Diseases is 125. This is above the average, and I consider it would be most advantageous if Pulmonary Tuberculosis and other Tuberculous Affections were made notifiable Diseases. Printed instructions should be given to the attendants of the patient, telling them the means by which the disease is spread and the methods by which this can be prevented.

The district has been very free from Infectious Diseases ; only three cases being notified. One was a case of Enteric Fever. The patient, an inhabitant of Lincoln, was taken ill a few days after returning to Market Rasen from Lincoln during the time that there was an Epidemic in that town. There was one case of Diphtheria and one of Scarlet Fever.

There have been several mild cases of Fever during the year, principally affecting young children. It was of an Epidemic nature, the Fever having no more definite signs or symptoms than those of a slight rise in the Temperature, with, in a few cases, a very slight erythematous rash about the body, which lasted for twenty-four hours and then faded. No desquamation followed.

The Water supplied to your District is of an excellent quality, and the health of Market Rasen is benefitted very much by this means.

The Main Drainage of the town is on the whole satisfactory, but there are many houses that are not connected with it, and are, from the present arrangements that they have in use, not altogether in a sanitary condition.

During last summer several complaints were made to me about the smell arising from the man-holes ; if this could in any way be rectified it would, from a health point of view, be a great advantage to the community.

I have not found it necessary to take any action under the Factory and Workshops Act.

Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS W. JACKSON,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

